

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2005-37-C

Docket Summary: Request of Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. and Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. for Amendment to Alternative Regulation Plan Filed Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-576 to Take Into Account Action by the Federal Communications Commission

Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. and Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. (together, Joint Applicants or the Companies) have filed a Request to Amend the Companies' Alternative Regulation Plan to establish new price caps for basic local residential service at the applicable *nationwide* average rates for such service. The Application seeks the same treatment allowed to other similarly-situated alternatively regulated rural telephone companies in South Carolina pursuant to Commission Order No. 2013-201 in Docket No. 2013-55-C and requests expedited approval to meet the Federal Communications Commission's June 1, 2016, rate floor requirements (WC Docket No. 10-90; Public Notice DA 16-362, released April 5, 2016). The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§58-9-280 and 58-9-576.

A copy of the Company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2005-37-C. Additionally, a copy of the Application is available from the Company's representative Jean Thaxton, Regulatory Manager, Hargray Telephone Company, 840 William Hilton Pkwy., Bldg. C, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **Friday, May 13, 2016**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-37-C.* Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the Company's representative at the above address, on or before **Friday, May 13, 2016**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-37-C.*

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2005-37-C*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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